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REMARKS

The allowance of claims 23 and 24 and the indication that claims 3 to 8, 12 to 22 and 25 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 2 and 3 have been combined with the former claim being canceled, meaning that claims 3 to 8, and 12 to 25 are before the Examiner.

Claim 3 has been made independent and claim 2 has been canceled, rendering moot the rejection of the latter under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Waggoner et al. WO 30377.

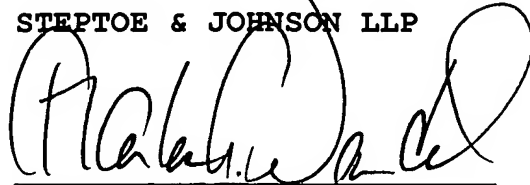
In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in immediate condition for allowance, and a USPTO paper to those ends

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is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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